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CROP PROSPECTS ALL OVER THE STATE

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will hold off next fall long enough to give them time to cut a late crop they will all come out of the big end of the horn. So much for the crops that were supposed to have been most damaged by the so-called drought.

King Corn and Truckers Too.

The drought did not have any effect on corn, and in Virginia and North Carolina corn is the king of all the crops. Virginia has this year planted more corn than ever before in the history of the State, and with favorable seasons from now on there can be no doubt of a real bumper crop.

The truckers were some other people who suffered some by the spring drought and by the late frosts, and cold weather, but they did not suffer near as much as they expected when the late frosts kept coming and threatening to come and when the extreme dry spell followed in the wake of Jack Frost's depredations. The truckers have about wound up for the spring and summer work, and they are counting up the profits on strawberries, vegetables, etc. They are finding right good profits, too.

Flac Outlook for Fruit.

Next to the "tobacco worms," the folks who were scared worse than all others by the late cold snaps in the spring and the slowness of the rains later on were the fruit-growers in the Piedmont and Valley and sections of the commercial orchardists, as they are called.

Well, they are not hurt very much. The apple and peach crops will be curtailed some, there can be no doubt of that, and fewer bushels of winosaps and pippins and fewer boxes of peaches will come out of the commercial orchards of Virginia this year than the charms of full-bearing trees call for, but other sections of the country had the late frosts, too, and the prices for peaches in July and August and for apples next fall and winter will be better than they were last year, and in the end the orchardists will come out perhaps even better off last year when they came to count cash and figure on profits.

Old Virginia Never Tires.

And so it goes all over the State with all the things that Virginia and Southern farmers grow. There can be no such thing as a complete failure of any crop in Virginia, and there is no State in the Union and no country in the world that can grow as many different crops as can Virginia. Farmers in Virginia do not get as badly frightened about late frosts and about droughts as they used to in olden times, and they have lost the habit of yarning about big frost and drought damages to a greater or less extent. They know for things about weather conditions, be they usual or unusual, and in this respect they are far in advance of the Nebraska farmers, if Professor Hunt properly represents the Nebraska farmers. And then, too, Old Virginia is naturally, climatically and otherwise far ahead of Nebraska as a farming Commonwealth.

Views and Near Views

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their Spanish. The time was when Richmond did big business in South America; swapping Richmond-ground flour for green coffee, and they do say that the old-time merchants could talk Spanish right well. Maybe, in view of the coming of the canal days, the sons and grand sons of these old timers will have to catch up on Spanish, and if so it is not too soon to "get down to books." However, just as a suggestion, may it not be a good idea to business to send out missionaries to teach the Spanish folks the English language. Sooner or later English is going to be the universal language, and the sooner the Spanish along the Panama Canal and elsewhere catch on the better. In the meantime, Richmond must get ready for the canal trade, and if the mastering of the Spanish language be a requisite, Richmond folks will readily come to the task. There may be some who say, "What right here for the officials of the John Marshall High School and all the other schools in town. I believe it is the business of the schools to graduate great and world-wide Richmond merchants."

A Case in Point.

And talking about Spanish, or rather talking about the Spanish language, which, I am told, is a kind of cross between the ancient Latin and the modern French, I am reminded of an old friend of mine, who lives in a remote county, and his name is Bill Wilson. Bill is a talker all right, but it would be difficult to tell just what language he does talk. It is supposed to be English, and it is English of a kind, and that kind is real home made. Bill has four bright boys, they are men now, but when I knew them best they were kids. Three of them are cracker-jack Virginia farmers. One of them linked his fortunes with the American Tobacco Company and became the farm agent of that company in Cuba. He made quite a success raising tobacco for the company in Cuba, linking his Virginia farm knowledge with Cuban thought and making a fine success of the combination. Well, after this Bill Wilson boy—and Bob was his name—had been two years in Cuba he came back to Virginia on a visit. The proud father, in telling me of the bright youngster's visit and his success in Cuba, said: "He can talk Spanish just as good as a Cuban." Innocently enough I asked, "How do you know he can?" Promptly came the reply, "Well, I heard him talking it." I thought that settled it, and asked no more questions. It may be well for more Virginians to talk Spanish as good as a Cuban.

A far Western paper that deals altogether in politics remarks:

"A Southern orator reminds the South that if it will fix its attentions upon business instead of politics it will soon regain its ante-bellum prestige, politically. He contends that the industrial development and population expansion are to be made in the South in the next few years, and that if the South makes the most of these opportunities it will soon find itself repossessed of great political power."

The far western journal then goes on to combat the idea advanced by the unnamed "Southern orator."

In my opinion, that Southern orator,

whoever he may be, has hit the nail right square on the head. The South's growing commercial and industrial power is increasing its political power, and when it comes into its own as a business, commercial and industrial proposition—and rapidly it is doing that thing—there will be no trouble about its political power, and in that good day the politics will not be on the peanut order, either.

REAL ESTATE AND BUILDING NEWS

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French is an intensive farmer, and in this glorious climate, he will make that old Chesterfield farm bloom and blossom as a rose. Mr. Harris sold two other small farms nearer to Richmond.

Building Operations.

The building boom continues without abatement, and it is simply wonderful the number of new residences that are going up in all parts of the city, and yet the rental agents are having no trouble renting desirable houses. Surely the population of Richmond is growing by leaps and bounds every day in the year.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Burlington, N. C., June 17.—The work of the construction of the Piedmont Railway and Electric Company, a street railway for the city of Burlington, and an interurban line, connecting Burlington, Graham and New River, is now being pushed rapidly to completion. With the close of this week, with favorable weather, grading will be completed. The rail is laid, with the exception of two miles between Graham and New River, and the principal streets of Burlington. With favorable weather, contractors estimate that the work of laying rails from east to west in Burlington will begin Monday of next week.

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The Cotton Movement.

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